CONTEMPORARY THOUGHT

An American Socialist Experiment.

Somebody has taken the trouble to dig up the records of the time when the Government of the United States was the owner of the mines and so does what came of it.

Col. Bryan's Latest Yarn.

Col. W. J. Bryan, while in camp with his constituents at Jacksonville, Fla., had a call from the pastor of the First Presbyterian church. While discussing the relative value of written and extemporaneous speeches, Col. Bryan asked his visitor if he had ever heard the best definition of extemporaneous. As answered in the negative, he told this story:

Arms and the Maid.

Two hundred years ago and more,
A doughty Dutchman reached our shore,
And, save his own, he arms he bore
But blunderbuss and sword.

Concerning Bad Spelling.

The superintendent of the Philadelphia schools agrees with the professor of the Michigan university that spellers, like poets, are born and not made.

What Is a "Cold?"

Prof. Lehnberg publishes in the Klinik Clinical Review an essay on cold in the head.

Wanted Coffee for the Queen.

Queen Alexandra's coffee fad has a fulness well in keeping with her personality.

Fast Runs on British Railroads.

The records of fast trains in England, in which some reference has been made to those famous, are the subject of a review in the Westminster Gazette.

A Novel Industry in the West.

A novel industry has grown up in the West, where irrigation and sunshine combine to make the production of watermelons very successful.

America Versus the World.

The causes assigned have already changed the positions of Britain and America as industrial powers.

Expert Evidence.

What Justice John Woodward of the Appellate division of the Supreme court of New York says regarding "Expert Evidence" in the October number of the North American Review.

The Boy and the Swallowed Penny.

"A 2-year-old boy in the Samaritan hospital, Brooklyn, recently swallowed a copper cent which narrowly escaped choking him."

Our Three Greatest Canyons.

The only famous Grand canyon of the Yellowstone is, like the Colorado, gorgeously colored and abruptly continuous to a plateau, and both are mainly the work of water.

A Scarlet Fever Serum.

The announcement by Dr. Moser of Vienna at the Carlsbad medical congress that he is satisfied that he has discovered a scarlet fever serum is followed by the report that Dr. Charrin, of the Mekin university, Rockefeller fellow...

Edison and the Doctors.

Thomas A. Edison, the world-renowned inventor, was at one time a roaming telegrapher.

Carefulness of Surgeons.

It is an object lesson in prudence to see a surgeon washing his hands after an operation.

He Had Sense of Humor.

The Crown Prince of Siam, while he has a royal impression of his own dignity, is not without a sense of humor.

Welsh Rules for Street Cars.

Cardiff, Wales, has just started a new electric railway service. A number of bylaws have been framed by the corporation for the regulation of the traffic and passengers.

Made Good Use of It.

A lady who lives in Orange is of a saving turn of mind, and manages to combine her love of economy with a due regard for her husband's appearance.

Truth About Cats.

There are two radically opinions regarding cats, one, that the cat is a hardy animal; the other, that a cat, no matter how or where abandoned, is able to provide for herself.

Buddhists Outnumber Baptists.

It appears from a recent Government bulletin that British Columbia has more Buddhists than Baptists.

The "Tipping" System.

Summer travelers who have not escaped the institution of the tip.

Never Too Old to Learn.

It is said that many parents are attending the night schools, and that the teaching of minds bent to about is no longer confined to the young.

Even Man a Brick.

An anecdote of ancient history was given a modern twist the other day in the classroom of Prof. Ingram of the Yale Latin department.

A Song of Lite.

A sigh sometimes may make a song when
Fortune seems to grieve you—Take care
The world is only right-song—Take care

Why He Laughed.

Rylands, who had purchased a new horse warranted to be quiet to ride and in harness, and a good trotter to boot, had invited a friend to accompany him for a trial drive.

A Discomfited Judge.

Sometimes even Judge Orrin N. Carter finds himself at a loss for a reply.

Athletics Injure Studies.

It does not stand to reason that a student in intercollegiate athletics can do as much as one who devotes all his time to studies.

An Improved Letter Box.

Assistant Postmaster-General Wynne is contemplating making an experiment in Brooklyn with one of the most important improvements that has yet been made in street letter-boxes.

A Rash Reformer.

The recent resolution of some homeopathic medical societies to abolish what they, in their infinite wisdom and dignity of language, are pleased to term "osculatory apposition," seems to us to be a rather arbitrary exercise of assumed power.

Republic of 6000 Monks.

On the east point of the sacred Mount Athos, on the Turkish peninsula Chalkidike, is a settlement of 6000 monks, scattered among twenty monasteries, the whole forming a monastic republic in the dominion of the Sultan, to whom they are tributary.

The Villain in the Nursery.

In the November Success, La Touche Hancock contributes a severe criticism against "Mother Goose" as a proper person to furnish amusement for the minds of little children.

Both Couldn't Have Religion.

One of Senator "Billy" Mason's stories is about two of his brothers, who live in Iowa.

Browning's New Name.

Here is a literary tale fresh from the reading-room of the Century club.

A Western Man on New York.

"Step up lively," he commanded to those outside. "Move forward there, please!" he shouted in a domineering tone to the herd within.

The Child With Earnest Eyes.

Ere the dawn grey eyes began...

Killed Two Birds.

A worthy man, who since his years of toil and retiring having had an income, privately requested that at his death he remembered in the minister's prayer from the pulpit.

Tattooing for Identification.

In November Pearson's an English expert in the art of tattooing is an authority.

Had Later Advice.

Rather a determined looking man appeared in Pierpont Morgan's New York office not long ago and told the guard he wanted to see the great financier.

A LITTLE HINT FROM NATURE.

Oh, de rain it come a-fallin',
An' de clouds is mighty thick,
An' you wish in all creation
Dat you could git yo' work dat quick.